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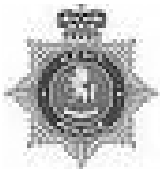
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We welcome all contributions to the content of the Newsletter, but please remember that the deadline date is 8pm on the 15th of the month.

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PCSO GRETTEL MAY

I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. My next surgery at the Coffee Morning is on Thursday 10th Dec. **Gretel.**





Village Diary

December 2015

Sun 6	Christmas Lights being switched on - see page 7
Thurs 10	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Weds 16	Santa coming to Temple Ewell - see page 7
Mon 21	Christmas Party at Kearsney Manor - all welcome, see page 34
Fri 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat 26	BOXING DAY
Mon 27	BANK HOLIDAY

January 2016

Fri 1	BANK HOLIDAY
Weds 27 - Sat 30	T E Players' Pantomime - Mother Goose - see page 23

February

Sat 6	Produce Assoc Coffee Morning 10am-12noon in the Village Hall
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March

Fri 25	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 28	EASTER MONDAY

April

Sat 2	Produce Assoc Spring Show 2pm in the Village Hall
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May

Mon 2	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 30	BANK HOLIDAY

June

July

Sat 16 **Produce Assoc Summer Show** 2pm in the Village Hall

August

Mon 29 **BANK HOLIDAY**

September

Sat 17 **Produce Assoc Autumn Show** 2pm in the Village Hall

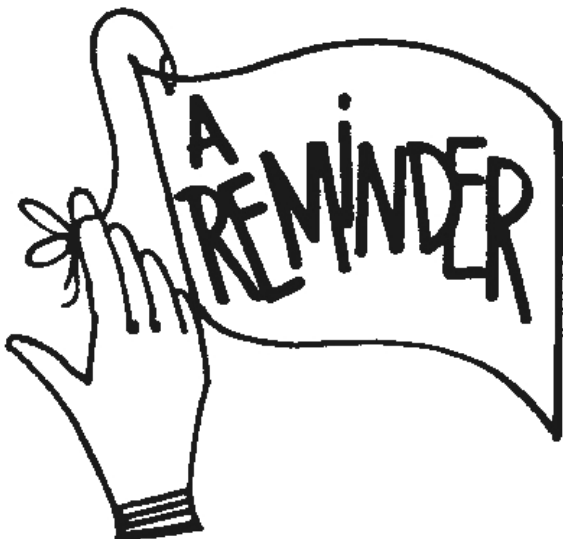
October

Mon 24 **Produce Assoc AGM** 7-9pm in the Village Hall

November

December

Sun 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Mon 26 **BOXING DAY**
Tues 27 **BANK HOLIDAY**



DON'T FORGET TO LET US HAVE
YOUR DIARY DATES FOR 2016!

Willows



Willows continues to be busy. Everyone is looking forward to our Bowling Trip on Sunday November 22nd to Bugsy's in Cliftonville, also to our Christmas Dinner and Disco. Trish and Marilyn will be cooking the meal and we will be sending invitations to people who always support us. We'll let you know how we get on.

Sophie



Branching Out

At the time of writing we are very busy preparing for Christmas and hoping our Quiz Night will be a success. We are fundraising to help towards cost of our Christmas meal at The Fox.

Dover Rotary Club have kindly given us lots of crocus bulbs to plant around the village. So far Richard Grayson has planted 40 around the tree near the Baptist Church and more around the planter as you enter the village from Lydden. Look out for them in the Spring.

Also if anyone in or around the village can play the piano and would offer to play for Branching Out one morning or afternoon, could you please get in touch with Marilyn on 01304 448140.

Sophie



Youth Club



Our weekly meetings continue. We still need new members - it's £1.50 per week. We have a tuck shop and a bus trip out every month. We will be having a Christmas Party to finish the term.

Sophie

Sunday 6th December

Come along and see the

Christmas lights

being switched on

6pm at Players Corner

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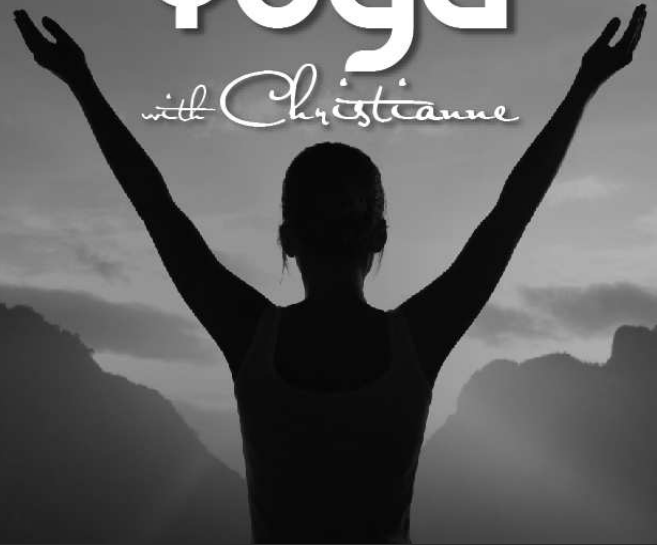


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Friday Club

On the 30th October we had a Halloween Tea which went down very well. Tables were decorated and prizes awarded; a very nice afternoon. On 13th November the Committee dished up bangers and mash, which is always a favorite.

We are now nearing a close for 2015 with a Table Top sale held on 21st November, with proceeds going towards our club funds. A big thank you to everyone involved. We really appreciate the help and of course not forgetting Father Christmas who gave the kids a brief visit. We shall be having our Christmas Lunch down at The Fox, an event we all look forward to, and hopefully we can close our year with a good old sing song from my friend Tim Greenwood.

Anyone wishing to join our club in the New Year will be most welcome, as you can see there is plenty of activity. We return on the 8th January (weather permitting).

On behalf of the Friday Club I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry (hic) Christmas and a healthy New Year.

See you all again in 2016 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
Yvonne

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Produce Association

The AGM held on Monday the 26th October was well attended and the evening went well, so it will be business as usual for the new year ahead.

Dates for your diary 2016:

Coffee morning: Saturday 6th February 10am till 12 noon

Spring show: Saturday 2nd April 2pm

Summer show: Saturday 16th July 2pm

Autumn show: Saturday 17th September 2pm

A.G.M. Monday 24th October 7pm-9pm

All in the Village Hall Temple Ewell.

Schedules will be available at the Coffee Morning when you can join the Association if you wish. It still costs only £1. Coffee and tea will be free.

So you can get a head start with your camera, here are the subjects for the spring show photography;

- Class 6.Crabble Corn Mill
- 7.Ducks and Ducklings
- 8.Local Landscape Scene
- 9.Close-up of Dew

The Committee of Temple Ewell Produce Association, wish all of our members and friends A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Regards Trevor



Temple Ewell W.I.

The Newsletter had gone to press before our meeting, hence no report of our Annual Meeting.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our American Evening. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Our December meeting on the 10th will see us being entertained by Sue, who will be singing Christmas folk songs.

We start the new year on January 14th, our speaker will be Paul Skelton talking about 'Pubs in Dover', perhaps an apt subject as we may well have made New Year resolutions involving alcohol - or maybe not.

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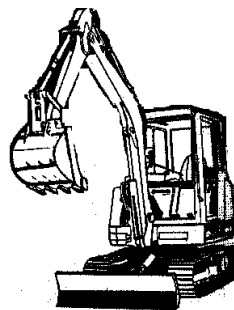
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**December & January services – to which we warmly welcome you.
Our Sunday Club meets at 10.30am during term time as advised.**

December

Saturday 5th	Holy Baptism of Thomas Head 12 noon
Sunday 6th	(Shortened) Family Eucharist with presentation of gifts for needy children and young adults 10.30 a.m.
Saturday 12th	Blessing of the Christmas Tree decorations in memory of loved ones 5.30 p.m.
Sunday 13th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 16th	School Christmas Service 2.00 p.m.
Sunday 20th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Joint Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (St. Mary's Lydden) 6.30 p.m.
Christmas Eve	Making and Blessing of the Holy Crib 4.00 p.m. Midnight Mass of the Angels 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day	Sung Mass 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 27th	First Sunday of Christmas Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

January 2016

Sunday 3rd	(Anticipating) The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 10th	The Baptism of Christ Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 17th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 24th	Parish Eucharist in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Joined by our Baptist friends. Preacher Revd. Ewart Graham 10.30 a.m.
Saturday 30th	Marriage of Callan Watson and Gemma Hull 1.00 p.m.
Sunday 31st	(Shortened) Family Eucharist anticipating Candlemas 10.30a.m.

For times of midweek services, please refer to the Church Notice Board
<https://www.facebook.com/templewellpepaul>

‘Why is it that a tough sheet metal worker like me should be feeling like I am after that service?’ That was the question asked by a man we met at the local pub who had accompanied his new wife to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. His eyes were still ‘filling up’ after having attended the moving Healing Ministries Service on the Saturday evening of our own Church Weekend pilgrimage. And the answer to his question is simply ‘Why shouldn’t you feel as you do?’ because God’s love for him had touched him just as it touched us all.

How intensely sad it is that so many see no connection between themselves and their needs, and a loving God who gave us so much to prove the extent of that love by sharing everything deep in the earth of our lives and which is at the very heart of the vulnerable child lying in an animal feeding trough. And whether or not we wish to accept that love and it’s reality, can it really be true that, according to a recent survey, so very many do not believe that Jesus is a real person, rather a mythical or fictional character? He changed the history of the world for heaven’s sake!

I cannot now recall where, a good few years ago, I came across this reflection by a Steve Turner, but it still has quite some relevance.....

“Christmas is really for children
Especially for children who like animals, stables, stars and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes.
Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes,
Humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume.

Easter if not really for the children
Unless accompanied by a cream filled egg.
It has whips, blood, nails, a spear
And allegations of body snatching.
It involves politics, God and the sins of the world.
It is not good for people of a nervous disposition.
They would be better to think on rabbits, chickens and the first snowdrop of spring.
Or they’d do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up, or whether there’s any connection.”

How welcome everyone is to all our services and the opportunity to ‘reconnect’.

Fr. Paul

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Temple Ewell Players

As I write rehearsals are in full swing for our hilarious pantomime 'Mother Goose' produced by Tonia Watts. The cats and crew are working extra hard to get all of the sets done in time and I can promise its going to be amazing when it's done!

Want to know how to get tickets?

The show runs from 27th - 30th of January 2016 at 7.30pm at the village hall. Tickets are on sale from the 1st of December from the village hall at 6pm then from the Fox Inn. Tickets are only £6.50 for adults Weds and thurs, then £7.50 for the rest of the week with children £3 all week. See poster on page 23.

We hope you will be able to join us at the Christmas lights switch on this year at 6pm, 6th of December at Players corner. I can also reveal a special 'celebrity' panto star from Mother Goose will be switch ing on the lights!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel

Life is amazing. And then it's awful. And then it's amazing again. And in between the amazing and the awful it's ordinary and mundane and routine.

Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary.

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And it's breathtakingly beautiful.

L.R. Knost



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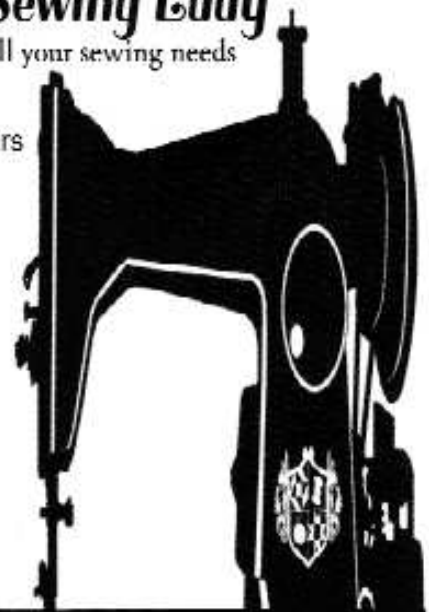
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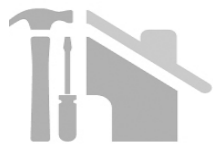
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DOES CHRISTMAS MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

That question would appear ridiculous to anyone at the sharp end, the person who buys and wraps the presents, buys and writes the cards, buys and prepares the Christmas dinner and alcoholic beverages. the one who buys and prepares the stocking contents for the children. Of course it makes a difference! The overdraft to start the New Year is an ample reminder.

Christmas is, of course, about the coming of Jesus Christ. He is referred to as "The Prince of Peace." Has it made any difference? There are presently so many countries at war with a multitude fleeing for their lives who have found little evidence of Peace. Is it all a mirage? One big failure? God approaches the problem not by a blanket of imposing Peace by force but by dealing with the cause. The basic conflict starts within each one of us and compounds into international strife. If we have peace within ourselves then we should not start a conflict with our neighbour. True peace within ourselves also requires peace with our maker. The presence of "The Prince of Peace" in our lives does make all the difference.

Future Events



MESSY CHURCH on Sunday 13th December 4.00 - 6.00pm. This is for children and adults and comprises about 1 hour of craft activities, 10 minute Bible based talk, a full cooked meal. The theme surprise, surprise, will be Christmas. Please come.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm

Candlelight CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 20th December at 4.30pm.

Christmas Day Family Service at 9.30am.

We are here to serve you and if there is anything you wish to ask do not hesitate to contact Pat on 827341, Jack on 825150 or our minister Ewart Graham on 375823. www.temple-ewell-baptist.co.uk

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Temple Ewell Players present

Mother GOOSE

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27-30 January, 2015
at 7.30pm & Sat matinée at 2.30pm.**

Written by Ron Hall.

Produced and directed by Tonia Watts

Tickets: adults Wed/Thur £6.50, Fri/Sat £7.50,
children £3 all performances.

On sale at 6pm on 1 Dec in the village hall
and thereafter in The Fox pub (823598)
during normal working hours.

Wine and refreshments available.

Kearsney Parks Project Update

Public Consultation & next steps

Thanks to everyone who came along to the recent consultation sessions or had a look at the proposals online. If you would like to see what everyone said, you can view a summary of the responses we received here:

www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/ProjectDocuments. We will be refining the plans over the next few weeks before submitting a planning and listed building application in a few weeks' time. Our second round application to HLF will be submitted in February 2016.

Volunteer researchers needed

Our friends at the Kent Gardens Trust were instrumental in the success of our first round bid to HLF and now they need help researching a number of private and public gardens in Dover district. They are looking for people who are interested in researching the history of the area to join their group of researchers. There will be at least three training days during the project – the first of these is scheduled to take place on the 4th December 2015 at Dover District Council Offices in Whitfield. If you would be interested in working with the KGT as a researcher or have local knowledge that could assist with this project please contact Cilla Freud on cillafreud@hotmail.com

Work to the River Dour

Over the next few weeks, the South East Rivers Trust will be working at the Minnis Lane end of Kearsney Abbey to improve fish passage along the River Dour. For more information please contact Chris Gardner, Catchment Manager at the South East Rivers Trust on chris@southeastriverstrust.org

Kearsney Parks Forum

Many people have contributed to the HLF project over the last few months and this has been really helped to shape our round 2 bid. Lots of people have also told us they would like to continue being involved in the parks' future - we thought it would be good to organise regular meetings and activities where everyone can come together to share their enthusiasm for the parks.

We have tentatively suggested Kearsney Parks Forum as a name – but the name, frequency and format of meetings are all up for discussion. To get things started, the first meeting of the Forum will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1 December in the Council Chamber at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ. We would love you to come - please rsvp to community@dover.gov.uk

Draft Travel Plan

As part of our HLF project, we want to minimise the impact of visitor parking on local streets and make the parks more environmentally sustainable. We have produced a draft travel plan which sets out how we plan to do this. To see the plan and suggest improvements please visit www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/TravelPlan. The deadline for comments is Friday 27 November 2015.

Conservation Plan

Our completed Conservation Plan is also now available. It explores why the heritage of Kearsney Parks is significant and what we need to do to restore and improve the parks. A summary is attached and the full report is available on our website - visit www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/ConservationPlan

Thank you for your on-going support and we hope to see you at the first Kearsney Parks Forum.

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District Councillor

I hope you are all well and enjoying the mild weather as I am!

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I have recently attended meetings with Charlie Elphicke MP and ministerial whip - it's great to know Dover and Deal have a ministerial MP for the first time in 40 years! This does mean our local MP more than ever can really bang the case for the local areas, which I know he is doing.

I have also been keen to get local people involved with the Kearsney Parks user group which will be set up shortly - so please let me know if you have an interest in being put forward for this. The user group will reflect and have a big say in the way the park is managed for the future, which I am keen to support.

Finally after three attempts at chasing KCC Highways, you may have noticed I did eventually get all the road signs and signage and undergrowth cut back so that the stretch of London Road all the way to Lydden Hill had the speed and text Road signs cleaned or replaced or once again clearly visible.

I am still working on the blocked access to the u-turn areas and the environmental waste being dumped by ignorant foreign drivers, especially in the u-turn areas near Husks. Dover Environmental Health have acted upon my requests for the villages to have the recent waste and dumping removed and the damaged areas restored and cleaned in these areas, for which I am very grateful. I have noted that Shepway Council has now managed to get a road enforcement in place and ban all trucks from illegally parking and I am asking locally why this cannot also be done in Dover District.

I have reported to Police many times regarding the total barricading of the u-turn areas, sadly they have failed to act on any instance and I have removed trucks myself in their absence. I am intending to make a Police complaint - it is not acceptable to ignore illegal activity and it is not acceptable to ignore the public reporting of crime.

I am really pleased to say after much discussion I was able to reinstall forgotten KCC maintenance records for street lighting at the back of the former Dragon pub in Temple Ewell - leaving residents in complete darkness for weeks due to all bulbs being blown - thanks to Dover District Council and KCC we were all able to resolve this streetlight issue fully which now has residents and general public feeling far more secure with full lighting back in place.

Lastly may I wish you all well. I hope to see you soon and please let me know if you wish me to attend and local Parish events.

Best wishes from Cllr.Mark Rose

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Letters to the Editor

We would like to hear from you. What do you want information on? Need help with something? Want to comment on a local issue? This is the place to do it! Send to the Editor - details on page 3

Operation Christmas Child 2015

111 boxes were sent to children who otherwise wouldn't get a present this Christmas. Thank you to Jenny and Margaret who did a lovely afternoon tea and to everyone who made boxes and donated things to go in them. Finally to Emily & Jack who shifted all the boxes and worked tirelessly for me.



And Phil there is space in the loft (for now!).

Amanda Lomas



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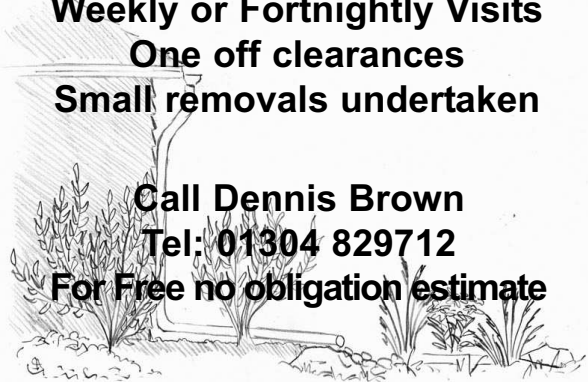
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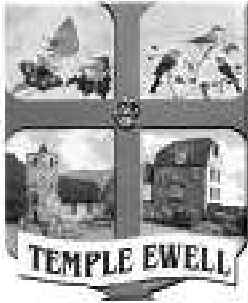
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The agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board by Southdown Stores and on the Council website.

Contact details for councillors are on the website:

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County Councillor

Kent's response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis:

The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme was set up in 2014, in response to the current refugee crisis emanating from Syria. Under the scheme Syrian refugees who are particularly at risk are brought to the UK, direct from camps in the Middle East. They are given five years Humanitarian Leave to remain, which enables them to work, pay taxes and claim public funds. On 7th September, the Government announced an expansion to the scheme with a target to resettle 20,000 vulnerable refugees over the next five years. Local authority participation is key to the success of the scheme.

Following the announcement of the expansion to the scheme, the issue was briefly discussed at a previous County Council meeting on the 17th September. It was acknowledged that local authorities would be expected to take the lead (on a voluntary basis) in the resettlement of the 20,000 refugees.

Following discussions with Chief Executives, the County Council is working currently with District/Borough councils, Health and other key partners to agree a strategy regarding level of support to be offered.

In response to the crisis there have been overwhelming offers to support refugees from members of the public, Community, voluntary organisations and businesses in Kent. Everything possible is being done to harness these offers in coordination with District and Borough Councils.

Local Authorities wishing to take part in the Syrian scheme are able to state the profile of the refugees they are able to accept, both in general and in individual cases, depending upon level of need. The County Council is keen to support the scheme provided it does not add to the enormous burden it faces currently looking after the unprecedented numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Funding for the scheme is given partly upfront and partly as expenditure is incurred. This includes two months void costs to help secure accommodation and a one of allowance for health, education and if required specialist support.

Initially funding for the scheme was only available for the first year, however since the 2nd October the Government will provide additional funding to assist with costs incurred in future years., though there is a possibility there may be some degree of unfunded costs in future years, which would then become a cost to the Council. It is interesting to note in relation to unaccompanied asylum seeking children, as at the 15th October 2015 only 8% have arrived from Syria, whereas 38% arrived from Eritrea and 17% from Afghanistan, 7% Sudanese and 6% Vietnamese.

Due to extreme pressures on Kent's Children Services, severely exacerbated by

the unprecedented numbers of unaccompanied asylum seekers children, Kent is unable to accommodate unaccompanied minors through the Syrian refugee scheme as it would be unable to meet their needs given the current circumstances.

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***Cllr Geoffrey Lymer
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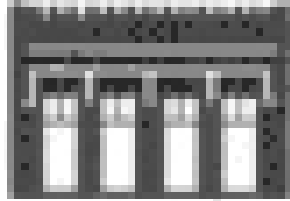
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The last word from a Companion!

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Thank you to the whole cast - Steve Smith, Ian Dean, Tracy and Paul Booth, Louise Ellis, Jenny Olpin and Jacqui Axford and of course not forgetting Mike Brodie, our compare for the evening. You all did a great job.

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